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## **■ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

by Richard P. Goodwin

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. AS OUR CHAIRMAN HAS STATED, THIS IS YOUR TIME FOR YOUR QUESTIONS CONCERNING THINGS OF A GENERAL INTEREST TO ALL OF US. AND I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT IN RESPECT OF THE ELEVEN YEARS TODAY, EXACTLY TODAY, THAT MARKS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THIS CHURCH, AND THE MIRACLE OF LIFE CALLED SURVIVAL. FOR IN KEEPING WITH OUR PHILOSOPHY AND OUR EFFORTS, THAT'S WHAT WE UNDERSTAND THE MIRACLE OF LIFE TO BE, OR WHAT WE UNDERSTAND SURVIVAL IS.

NOW THE REASON FOR THAT RATHER INTERESTING STATEMENT FROM OUR PHILOSOPHY, THE LIVING LIGHT. IS REALLY QUITE CLEAR. WE ALL HAVE, IN KEEPING WITH THE EXPERIENCES WE HAVE MERITED IN LIFE. WE ALL HAVE VARIOUS THOUGHTS AND JUDGMENTS OF THE WAY THINGS SHOULD BE. IT IS THE VERY NATURE OF OUR MIND TO CONTROL ALL THINGS THAT COME WITHIN ITS SPHERE OR ZONE OF ACTION. AND SO IT IS, WHEN WE LOOK AROUND AND ABOUT US, AND WE SEE THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE BELIEVE, IN KEEPING WITH OUR OWN LIMITED EXPERIENCES, ARE NOT THE WAY WE BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE, WE MAKE VARYING DEGREES OF EFFORT TO CHANGE THEM. THE RESULT OF OUR EFFORT, OF COURSE, IS REVEALED IN THE DEMONSTRATION WHICH IS, OF COURSE, ALWAYS, FOREVER, THE REVELATION. SO WITH WHAT WE CANNOT CHANGE IN LIFE, WE SOONER OR LATER ADJUST TO OR LEAVE.

AND SO IN KEEPING WITH THAT DEMONSTRABLE TRUTH, THE SERENITY CHURCH WAS FOUNDED ELEVEN YEARS AGO TODAY -- BASED UPON THE PHILOSOPHY THAT MANY WILL COME, AND MANY WILL GO -- THAT THOSE WHO REMAIN WILL DO ONE OF TWO THINGS, GROW OR GO IN CONSCIOUSNESS. THAT MAY SEEM TO BE RATHER A HARSH WAY TO LOOK AT A SPIRITUAL PURPOSE, BUT OUR MIND SEES THINGS RATHER SOFT OR HARSH IN KEEPING WITH OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. AND SO IT IS IN LIFE, THAT FREEDOM, THE

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EFFECT OF SELF-CONTROL, NOT THE EFFECT OF CONTROLLING EVERYTHING OUTSIDE; FOR THE ONLY THING WE CAN EVER, IN ALL ETERNITY, CONTROL IS THAT FOR WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE. NOW WE DO HAVE BY DIVINE GRACE, THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY MOMENT-BY-MOMENT, TO CONTROL THAT FOR WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE, RESPONSIBILITY MEANING THE ABILITY TO RESPOND. SO WE DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO RESPOND TO OUR OWN THOUGHTS. ATTITUDES. MOTIVES. AND ACTIVITIES. SO AS WE RESPOND INTELLIGENTLY TO THAT FOR WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE, AND IN KEEPING WITH THE DEMONSTRABLE LAW THAT LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE AND BECOMES THE LAW OF ATTACHMENT, WE NEED NEVER AGAIN BE CONCERNED WITH CONTROLLING WHAT IS OUTSIDE, FOR WE KNOW THE TRUTH THAT FREES US TO CONTROL THAT WHICH IS INSIDE, IN KEEPING WITH THE LAW THAT LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE AND BECOMES THE LAW OF ATTACHMENT, THAT THAT IS AROUND US SHALL BE HARMONIOUS WITH US. THAT. MY GOOD FRIENDS, IS THE PATH OF FREEDOM. IT IS THE PATH OF PEACE. IT IS THE DEMONSTRABLE PATH OF ABUNDANT GOOD.

LET US THEN BE INTERESTED IN WHAT WE ARE DOING IN OUR HOUSE OF CLAY -- IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD. LET US BE INTERESTED IN WHERE WE ARE IN CONSCIOUSNESS, FOR TO AWAKEN WHERE WE ARE IN CONSCIOUSNESS AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT REVEALS UNTO US THAT WHICH IS, AND THAT WHICH IS TO BE. LET US NO LONGER BE CONCERNED WITH THAT WHICH HAS GONE, FOR IT HAS SERVED THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT ENTERED OUR LIFE. LET US NEVER FORGET THAT ALL THINGS THAT ENTER OUR LIFE ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE LAW THAT LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE. IF WE DO NOT LIKE WHAT ENTERS OUR LIFE, THEN LET US CHANGE THE LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS THAT HAS ATTRACTED IT TO US. LET US NO LONGER WALK THE PATH OF THE DEFEATIST; LET US NO LONGER WALK THE PATH OF FAILURE, CONSTANTLY IN THE DELUSION THAT WE CAN CHANGE ANYTHING OUTSIDE (continued page 4)

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OUR REALM OF RESPONSIBILITY. LET US CHANGE WHAT IS IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS, FOR THERE WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO RESPOND TO IT, FOR THOSE THINGS IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS ARE THE CHILDREN WE HAVE GIVEN BIRTH TO. AND BECAUSE WE ARE THE MOTHER AND THE FATHER OF THE THOUGHTS IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS, WE HAVE THE POWER, WE HAVE THE CONTROL, WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THEM, TO REFINE THEM, AND IN SO DOING, BRING THEM INTO A STATE OF HARMNONIOUS ACTION IN OUR LIFE.

FOR LIFE ITSELF. AS SO MANY HAVE OFTEN SAID, IS ONLY A MIRROR. IT HAS NO CAUSE. IT ONLY HAS EFFECT. IT IS THE PRINCIPLE THAT SUSTAINS LIFE THAT IS NEUTRAL, THAT IS DIVINE, THAT IS AN ACCEPTANCE OF TOTALITY. LET US NOT FORGET THAT, MY FRIENDS. LET US PAUSE IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS WHEN A THOUGHT, A JUDGMENT RISES, THAT WILL NOT LET US HAVE THE PEACE THAT IS OUR DIVINE RIGHT. LET US PAUSE FOR THE 72 HOURS NECESSARY FOR OUR SOUL TO BE FREED THROUGH THE 81 LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS. LET US BE HONEST WITH OURSELF AND WE WILL NEVER AGAIN BE DISTURBED BY THAT WHICH IS BEYOND OUR CONTROL. FOR WE KNOW THE LAW SO CLEARLY --THAT THAT WHICH DISTURBS US IS THAT WHICH CONTROLS US. LET US NOT SO EASILY SELL-OUT TO THE DISTURBANCE THAT IS EVER AMONGST US. LET US RISE IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS, AND LET US BE WHAT WE KNOW WE TRULY ARE. THANK YOU.

NOW IT IS TIME FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE.

QUESTION: YOU JUST MENTIONED SOMETHING IN YOUR TALK ABOUT 72 HOUR CYCLES.

ANSWER: YES.

QUESTION: COULD YOU ELABORATE ON THAT PLEASE?

ANSWER: WE UNDERSTAND FROM EFFORT AND DEMONSTRATION, THAT IT TAKES APPROXIMATELY 72 HOURS WHENEVER WE HAVE A THOUGHT THAT IS DISTURBING TO US. WHENEVER WE HAVE A CONDITION OR ATTITUDE OF MIND THAT ROBS US OF THE PEACE

WHICH WE ARE, IF WE WILL PAUSE AND RELEASE THAT DISTURBANCE, THAT THOUGHT, AND THAT ATTITUDE, RELEASE IT FROM OUR CONSCIOUSNESS FOR A PERIOD OF 72 HOURS, THEN YOU WILL HAVE THE DEMONSTRATION. THE REVELATION THAT IT IS ONLY ONE LEVEL OF YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS THAT DISTURBS YOU. IT IS NOT ALL LEVELS OF YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS. SO, WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU HAVE TO DO, AND WHATEVER IT IS YOU THINK DISTURBS YOU, REMEMBER TO PAUSE AND RELEASE THAT FOR A PERIOD OF 72 HOURS, AND YOU ARE GIVING YOURSELF. THE TRUE YOU. THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE FREED FROM THAT WHICH CONTROLS YOU, WHICH WILL REVEAL TO YOU IT IS ONLY ONE LEVEL OF MANY LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS. I HOPE THAT HAS HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: COULD YOU SPEAK TO US ON GOD BEING EVER EQUAL TO OUR UNDERSTANDING?

ANSWER: IN KEEPING WITH THE TEACHING OF THIS PHILOSOPHY, GOD IS EVER EQUAL TO OUR UNDERSTANDING, WE CANNOT EXPERIENCE THAT BEYOND THE REALM OF CONSCIOUSNESS OF OUR OWN EXPANDING UNDERSTANDING. WE CAN THEORIZE ABOUT MANY THINGS, ESPECIALLY GOD AND THE PURPOSE OF LIFE. BUT WE CANNOT EXPERIENCE IN OUR HEART AND IN OUR BEING THAT WHICH IS BEYOND THE EQUALITY OF CONSCIOUSNESS THAT WE AT ANY MOMENT HAVE GROWN TO. THEREFORE, GOD IS EVER EQUAL. GOD IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS, THE EXPERIENCE THEREOF, IS EVER EQUAL TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THAT MOMENT. DOES THAT HELP WITH YOUR QUESTION? THANK YOU. THIS IS WHY SOME PEOPLE THEY PRAY FOR GOD, AND PRAY FOR THIS, AND PRAY FOR SO MANY THINGS, AND THEN THE THINGS AND THE WAYS DO NOT COME, AND THEN THEIR GOD, EQUAL TO THEIR OWN LIMITED UNDERSTANDING. THEIR GOD BECOMES SMALLER, AS THEIR UNDERSTANDING SHRINKS IN THE INTOLERANCE OF THE LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS. THANK YOU.

QUESTION: CAN YOU SPEAK TO US ON THE SOUL FACULTY TO IGNORE AS OPPOSED TO LACK OF ATTENTION? (continued page 6) 5

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ANSWER: WELL, WE UNDERSTAND THAT ENERGY FOLLOWS ATTENTION, AND THAT WHICH WE PLACE OUR ATTENTION UPON WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO BECOME. THE PRINCIPLE TO IGNORE IS NOT TO DIRECT ENERGY THROUGH THE VEHICLE KNOWN AS ATTENTION TO THE LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS WITHIN OURSELF THAT WE DO NOT WISH AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT TO EXPERIENCE.

QUESTION: WOULD YOU PLEASE SPEAK TO US ON THE ESSENCE OF THE NATURE OF THE MALE AND FEMALE VIBRATION THAT EACH OF US EXPRESSES?

ANSWER: YES. IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON THE ESSENCE OF THE THING, WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE ESSENCE OF A THING IS THE PRINCIPLE OF A THING; THEREFORE, IS THAT WHICH SUSTAINS THE THING IS BEYOND THE THING, AND IS NOT THE FORM WHICH IS THE PERSONALITY. THEREFORE, WE MUST FIRST BE IN PERSONALITY OR IDENTIFIED WITH IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND FORM WHETHER IT IS POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, MALE OR FEMALE. BECAUSE WE MUST BECOME THE THING TO UNDERSTAND THE THING, AND IN SO DOING, WE CANNOT PERCEIVE, WE CAN, HOWEVER, CONCEIVE; THEN SURELY WE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THE DIVINE, NEUTRAL PRINCIPLE WHICH SUSTAINS ALL CREATION WHEN WE RISE IN CONSCIOUSNESS BEYOND THE DUALITY OF CREATION. WHICH IS THE FORM OR PERSONALITY OF FORM, WE RISE IN THAT WAY IN CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH THE LACK OF IDENTIFICATION WITH THINGS WHICH ARE DUAL.

NOW REMEMBER, IDENTIFICATION -- WE OFTTIME UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE OVER-IDENTIFIED WITH A PARTICULAR THOUGHT IN OUR MIND, WE ARE OVER-IDENTIFIED WITH A PARTICULAR JUDGEMENT -- IT IS THAT OVER-IDENTIFICATION THAT CAUSES US TO BECOME THE THING, AND WE ARE THEN BOUND BY THE THING THAT WE ARE IDENTIFIED WITH. NOW, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IDENTIFICATION IS THE BECOMING OF THE I -- THE "THOUGHT OF THE I." IT IS NOT

THE "I," THE PRINCIPLE OF LIFE, WHICH IS THE PROBLEM THAT WE EXPERIENCE IN LIFE. IT IS THE THOUGHT OF THE PRINCIPLE, OR THE "I" OF LIFE THAT IS THE PROBLEM. WHEN WE IDENTIFY WITH ANYTHING. IN CONSCIOUSNESS WHAT HAPPENS IS WE POSSESS OR OWN. WHEN THE MIND POSSESSES OR OWNS IN ITS CONSCIOUSNESS, IT BECOMES THE THING IT BELIEVES IT POSSESSES OR IT OWNS. SO WE UNDERSTAND IN THIS PHILOSOPHY, TO REDIRECT SIMPLY MEANS TO NO LONGER IDENTIFY, NO LONGER BE POSSESSED BY THAT WHICH WE BELIEVE WE ARE. FOR THAT WHICH WE BELIEVE WE ARE, WE ARE ONLY IN A DUAL WORLD OR MENTAL WORLD OF CONSCIOUSNESS. WE ARE WHAT WE BELIEVE AS LONG AS WE LIVE, BREATHE, IN A REALM OF CONSCIOUSNESS OF A MENTAL WORLD WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY THE DUAL LAW OF CREATION.

SEE, NO ONE CAN HAVE A THOUGHT THAT THEY DO NOT EXPERIENCE ITS OPPOSITE. THEREFORE, THE PEACE THAT PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING IS BEYOND THE REALM OF UNDERSTANDING, IT IS IN THE LIGHT OF WISDOM, AND DOES NOT HAVE DUALITY. DOES THAT HELP WITH YOUR QUESTION? YES. THANK YOU.

QUESTION: AS THE MEDIA IS BOMBARDED WITH THE FALKLAND SITUATION, COULD YOU GIVE US SOME

HINT AS TO HOW WE CAN COPE WITH THAT?

ANSWER: FIRST THE QUESTION MUST RISE IN CONSCIOUSNESS, DOES IT DISTURB US? IF IT DISTURBS US, THEN OF COURSE THE LAW FOR US HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT IT'S ON ITS WAY, IF NOT ALREADY IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS, TO CONTROL US. NOW, IT DISTURBS US IN KEEPING WITH OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. WE HAVE A CHOICE, OF COURSE, ALL OF US, WE CAN EXPAND OUR UNDERSTANDING, WE CAN GROW IN CONSCIOUSNESS, AND IN SO DOING SEE THE CAUSE, AND THEREFORE, NO LONGER BE DISTURBED BY THE EFFECT. OR, WE CAN REFUSE TO GROW IN CONSCIOUSNESS, WE CAN REFUSE TO MAKE THAT EFFORT WITHIN OURSELVES AND BE CONTROLLED BY WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE CIRCUMSTANCES, DISASTERS, INJUSTICES, AND ETC.

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QUESTION: ON THE FACULTIES OF FAITH, POISE, AND HUMILITY AND ANY OTHER FACULTIES, WHEN WE USE, EXPRESS, OR MANIFEST FAITH, DO THE OTHER TWO COME INTO BEING AUTOMATICALLY, OR ARE WE EXPRESSING ALL THREE AT ONE TIME?

ANSWER: THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, AND THE LADY IS SPEAKING IN REFERENCE TO THE SECOND SOUL FACULTY KNOWN AS FAITH, POISE AND HUMILITY. NOW, THE SOUL FACULTIES ARE TRIUNE AND INSEPARABLE. IF YOU EXPRESS TWO DEGREES OF FAITH, THEN YOU ARE EXPRESSING TWO DEGREES OF POISE AND TWO DEGREES OF HUMILITY BECAUSE THE FACULTY IS TRIUNE AND IS INSEPARABLE. YES, DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION? YES, YOU CANNOT EXPRESS ONE WITHOUT HAVING AN EFFECT UPON THE OTHERS.

QUESTION: IT WAS BROUGHT UP LAST WEEK, IN OLD ESTABLISHED PATTERNS, MORE OR LESS, THAT WE CAN FIND ANSWERS THAT ARE REASONS FOR THE DESIRES. YOU SAY THAT WE HAVE AN INNER VOICE OR SOMETHING THAT SPEAKS TO US? AND SOMEHOW, WE DON'T LISTEN TO IT, YET WE GO AHEAD WITH THIS PARTICULAR FACULTY OF OUR SENSES. WHAT IF WE DO DENY AND WE DO SAY, WELL, THIS IS POSSIBLY WRONG FOR ME AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME, WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR SOUL IF WE DO DENY OURSELVES? HOW WILL WE GROW?

ANSWER: MAN'S DENIALS, MY GOOD STUDENT, ARE HIS DESTINIES. AND SO IN REFERENCE TO YOUR QUESTION, HOW WILL YOU GROW? YOU WILL GROW EVER IN ACCORD WITH THE LAW OF COURSE THAT YOU SET INTO MOTION. NOW, YOU SEE, WE MUST ALSO REALIZE THAT MAN NEVER WANTS FOR ANOTHER WHAT HE HAS FIRST DENIED HIMSELF. AND SO YOU SEE, WHEN WE DENY, YOU SEE, WHICH IS TOTALLY CONTRARY TO ACCEPTANCE, THE DIVINE WILL, WHAT WE ARE DOING IS SHUTTING OURSELF OFF FROM THE DIVINE LIGHT ITSELF. THAT IS ALL WE ARE DOING.

NOW, MAN MAY SAY, WELL, THAT MEANS THAT I SHOULDN'T DENY MYSELF ANY OF MY DESIRES. WELL. YOU ARE NOT DENYING YOURSELF ANY OF YOUR DESIRES ANYWAY. BELIEVE ME, MAN ALWAYS GETS WHAT HE REALLY WANTS. I NEVER SAW A MAN YET THAT HE DIDN'T GET IT FULFILLED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, SOONER OR LATER, PERHAPS TO HIS SATISFACTION AND PERHAPS NOT TO HIS SATISFACTION. BUT DON'T DENY OUR OWN DESIRES, MY FRIENDS. OUR TEACHING IS TO EDUCATE THE DESIRE, NOT TO DENY THE DESIRE. TO REMEMBER THAT IT IS IN OUR OWN HEAD, AND NOT TO SAY WELL, THAT PERSON WALKING DOWN THE STREET TOLD ME TO HAVE A DESIRE. THAT IS RIDICULOUS AND STUPID. WELL, I MEAN, MY GOOD FRIENDS, IF WE HAVE GOT TO THE POINT OF LICENSE WHERE WE HAVE NO CONTROL OF OUR MIND, AND WE CANNOT WALK DOWN A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE WITHOUT BLAMING SOMEBODY ELSE FOR TRIGGERING OUR DESIRES, THEN WE ARE CERTAINLY, MY GOOD SAKE'S ALIVE, WE ARE BACK IN THE WOMB WHERE WE SHOULD BE NURSE-FED AND TAKEN CARE OF BY A GUARDIAN CALLED A MOTHER. WELL, LET US GROW UP AND BE MEN AND WOMEN, AND LET US NOT SAY, WELL, I SAW THIS MOVIE AND I COULDN'T CONTROL MYSELF OR SOME OTHER FOOLISHNESS. LET US STOP AND THINK, YOU KNOW. OUR JOB IS NOT TO GO OUT THERE AND CHANGE THE WORLD. OUR JOB IS TO CHANGE THE WORLD THAT WE HAVE SOME CONTROL OVER, HOPEFULLY SOME CONTROL. GOODNESS, LOOK AT US, FRIENDS, SURELY WE ARE EVOLVED IN THIS WORLD. AT LEAST WE ARE TWO-LEGGED ANIMALS: WE ARE NO LONGER THE FOUR-LEGGED KIND. GOODNESS, LET US HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF CONTROL, YOU KNOW. WHY, THE DOGS AND THE RABBITS DON'T EVEN ACT LIKE THAT. LET US THINK ABOUT IT. YOU KNOW, WE SAY, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MY MIND, I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF. WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME? WELL, ISN'T THAT A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS? ISN'T THAT REALLY PATHETIC? NOW, THINK, MY FRIENDS, WE ALL HAVE THAT IN LEVELS WITHIN US, BUT GOODNESS SAKE'S (continued page 10)

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ALIVE, IF THERE WEREN'T SOME CONTROL IN THE
WORLD, THE WORLD IS ALREADY CONCERNED ABOUT
THE POPULATION EXPLOSION. WHAT IS GOING TO
HAPPEN IF WE JUST GO HOG-WILD WITH ALL OUR
DESIRES? NOW, LET US RAISE TO A HIGHER LEVEL
OF CONSCIOUSNESS, HOPEFULLY. GOODNESS,
OTHERWISE, WE BETTER CONSIDER ALL GOING AT THE
AGE OF 14 FOR SURGICAL OPERATIONS IF WE HAVE
NO MORE CONTROL THAN THAT. I DO HOPE THAT HAS
HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT THE VALUE OF BEING POSITIVE, POSITIVE THINKING, AND THAT TO ME WOULD BE FAITH. CAN WE MAINTAIN AND SUSTAIN THIS WITHOUT NEGATIVE LEVELS, AND ARE NOT THE NEGATIVE LEVELS THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE POSITIVE AND THE NEGATIVE? ISN'T OVER-CONFIDENCE A FUNCTION?

ANSWER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR QUESTION, AND THE LADY HAS STATED THAT HER UNDERSTANDING OF FAITH IS POSITIVE VIBRATION. IT'S A KNOWING, OF COURSE. AND ISN'T OVER-CONFIDENCE A FUNCTION? WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE STUDENT MEANS BY THE WORD OVER-CONFIDENCE. WOULD YOU CARE TO SHARE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEANING OF THAT WORD?

STUDENT: I'LL TRY, WELL, IF I HAD TO GO TO TAKE A DRIVING TEST, AND I AM A VERY POOR DRIVER AND I HADN'T STUDIED FOR THAT TEST AND I WAS STILL GOING THERE TO TAKE THE TEST WITHOUT THE APPLICATION OF STUDY, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF TESTING, TO ME, WOULD BE OVER-CONFIDENCE.

ANSWER: DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD IS EVER EQUAL TO YOUR UNDERSTANDING?

STUDENT: YES.

ANSWER: IF YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD IS EVER EQUAL TO YOUR UNDERSTANDING, DO YOU BELIEVE TO GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE?

STUDENT: I HAVE SAID IT ENOUGH.

ANSWER: DO YOU BELIEVE IT? WE SAY MANY

THINGS, BUT THE QUESTION IS, DO WE BELIEVE IT?
STUDENT: I AM TRYING TO BELIEVE IT, YES.

ANSWER: FINE, NOW, IF GOD, WHICH THE STUDENT BELIEVES IS EVER EQUAL TO OUR UNDERSTANDING, AND TO GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE, THEN, MY DEAR, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE DEPENDING UPON YOUR UNDERSTANDING. I HOPE THAT HAS HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION. BECAUSE, YOU SEE, GOD IS AS BIG AS YOUR UNDERSTANDING. SO, IF YOU HAVE A BIG UNDERSTANDING, YOU HAVE A BIG GOD, AND THE BIGGER THE GOD THE MORE THAT GOD IS ABLE TO DO FOR YOU. DON'T YOU SEE? AND WHY WE TEACH, IN ALL YOUR GETTING, GET UNDERSTANDING. LET'S GET RID OF THOSE MISERLY LITTLE GODS. LET'S DETRHONE ALL THOSE FALSE GODS, AND LET'S WORK ON OUR UNDERSTANDING SO THAT WE CAN LET THE TRUE GOD, INFINITE INTELLIGENCE, INTO OUR MIND, INTO OUR HEART, INTO OUR SOUL, AND THEN YOU WILL SPEAK THE WORD INTO THE UNIVERSE. YOU WILL NOT RELY UPON THE HUMAN BRAIN AND ITS COMPUTER. YOU, I AM SURE AS A STUDENT OF MANY YEARS IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF SPIRITUALISM, ARE WELL AWARE THAT MANY, MANY, MANY MEDIUMS HAVE ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND THE ANSWERS DID NOT EXIST IN THEIR BRAIN COMPUTERS. THEY HAVE PERFORMED MANY, MANY, MANY THINGS IN THE WORLD THAT THEIR BRAIN HAD NEVER, EVER EXPERIENCED. HOW ARE THEY ABLE TO DO THAT? THOSE SOULS DID NOT RELY UPON THEIR COMPUTER BRAIN FOR THE ANSWER.

YOU KNOW VERY WELL, MY GOOD STUDENT, THAT A MEDIUM IS OFTEN ABLE TO PROPHESIES FAR INTO THE FUTURE WITH GREAT ACCURACY. WELL, HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? HOW IS IT POSSIBLE? IF THEY RELY UPON A BRAIN COMPUTER THAT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TOMORROW. SOME SPIRITUALISTS MIGHT SAY, WELL, THEY RELY UPON A DECARNATE SPIRIT THAT TELLS THEM ALL OF THAT. WELL, IF THEIR OWN SPIRIT WAS NOT ON THE LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS WITH THE SPIRIT THAT HAD ALL THAT INFORMATION, (continued page 12)

continued from page 11 THEY COULD NEVER RECEIVE ALL THAT INFORMATION. YOU SEE, MY FRIENDS, THE GUIDES AND TEACHERS AND ANGELS OF THE PROPHETS WERE EVER EQUAL TO THE PROPHETS THEMSELVES. THE GUIDES ARE NO HIGHER, NOR ARE THEY ANY LOWER. SO, IF YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH THE FRIENDS, KNOWN AS THE SPIRITS AROUND AND ABOUT YOU, THEN THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT YOU WILL KEEP. BUT YOU SEE, IT IS THE LAW OF EVOLUTION THAT THE SOUL MUST EVER RISE TO HIGHER LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, AND IF THOSE AROUND AND ABOUT YOU DO NOT RISE AS YOU ARE PERSONALLY MAKING THE EFFORT. THEN THEY SHALL DISAPPEAR. THEY SHALL LEAVE YOUR UNIVERSE. I HOPE THAT HAS HELPED WITH YOUR QUESTION.

QUESTION: I AM SEEKING A LITTLE CLARIFICATION. DD I UNDERSTAND YOU TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE DESIRE BODY AND THE DESIRE WORLD, TO DISTINGUISH IT FROM THE ASTRAL BODY AND ASTRAL WORLD?

ANSWER: YES. ABSOLUTELY. DEFINITELY. QUESTION: WOULD YOU EXPAND THAT?

ANSWER: IN WHAT WAY? WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT TO KNOW?

QUESTION: I THOUGHT THE DESIRES CAME FROM THE COMPUTER OF THE SUBCONSCIOUS, BUT AM I UNDERSTANDING YOU TO SAY THEY ARE COMING FROM A DIFFERENT MIND?

ANSWER: NO. NO. NO. WE HAVE A MIND. IT HAS MANY COMPARTMENTS. DO YOU UNDERSTAND? WE HAVE FEELINGS AND WE HAVE EMOTIONS. WE ALSO HAVE A MIND THAT HAS THOUGHTS AND SUPPOSED LOGIC. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A MENTAL BODY. DO YOU UNDERSTAND? WE HAVE A MENTAL BODY. THAT BODY GOES INTO A MENTAL WORLD UNLESS OUR SOUL HAS A STRONGER BODY, THEN IT GOES INTO ANOTHER WORLD -- A DESIRE WORLD. IF IT IS THE DESIRE BODY AND ASTRAL WORLD IF IT IS THE ASTRAL BODY. NOW, I THINK PERHAPS WHERE THE CONFUSION MIGHT EXIST IS THAT YOU PERHAPS THINK THAT THE 12

SUBSCONSCIOUS MIND CREATES THE ASTRAL BODY AND THAT'S ALL IT DOES CREATE. NO, MY FRIENDS, THERE IS A TEACHING IN THE BOOK THAT SAYS VERY CLEARLY, YOUR SOUL ALL THINGS IT CAN AND DOES CREATE. SO, THE SUBCONSCIOUS MIND, IT HAS COMPUTED PATTERNS, IT HAS CERTAIN FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS, AND THOSE CREATE THESE DIFFERENT BODIES. YES, THEY MOST CERTAINLY DO.

AND YOU HAVE A VITAL BODY, AND THAT'S CREATED THROUGH A BALANCE BETWEEN YOUR ELECTRO-MAGNETIC MIND, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE ODIC AND THE VITAL BODY. THEN YOU HAVE, HOPEFULLY, A SPIRITUAL BODY THAT IS CREATED THROUGH THE EXPRESSION OF ENERGY THROUGH YOUR SOUL FACULTIES; AND YOU ALSO HAVE A SOUL BODY. YOU HAVE A PHYSICAL BODY. YOU SEE, IT'S DIFFICULT, I KNOW, FOR US TO SAY, "WELL, HERE I AM. I CAN TOUCH THIS. THAT'S THE ONLY BODY I'VE GOT. WELL, WHAT ABOUT THESE THOUGHTS AND ALL THESE FEELINGS. WHERE ARE THEY? I CAN'T...I DON'T SEEM TO BE TOUCHING THOSE?" YES. DOES THAT HELP WITH YOUR QUESTION?

STUDENT: YES, THANK YOU.

QUESTION: DO I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS ANOTHER CLASS SIMILAR TO OURS ON THE OTHER SIDE, IS THAT RIGHT -- WHILE THIS ONE IS BEING CONDUCTED?

ANSWER: THAT IS CORRECT.

QUESTION: ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT COME FROM US, ARE THEY FROM OUR SPIRIT, OR ARE THEY FROM THE OTHER SIDE'S SPIRIT?

ANSWER: WELL, THAT DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH CONTROL YOU HAVE, MY DEAR. THAT DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH CONTROL YOU HAVE OF YOURSELF. YOU ARE ASKING ABOUT WHERE DOES YOUR QUESTION COME FROM?

ANSWER: YES.

QUESTION: YES.

ANSWER: YES, IT MIGHT EITHER COME FROM YOU; OR IT MIGHT COME FROM SOMEONE YOU HAVE ATTRACTED TO YOU, YOU SEE. WE HAVE DISCUSSED (continued page 28)

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GREETINGS, STUDENTS. IN CONCLUDING THIS SEMESTER, WE SHOULD LIKE TO SPEND SOME TIME IN THE DISCUSSION OF HOW WE CAME TO BE.

AS YOU KNOW, THAT THE ILLUSION KNOWN AS "TIME" IS INDISPENSIBLE TO WHAT IS KNOWN AS EXPERIENCE, FOR ALL THAT HAS BEEN OR IS YET TO BE, IN TRUTH, IS. AS LONG AS OUR MINDS ENTERTAIN THOUGHTS OF TIME THEN WE SHALL CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE, FOR THE ILLUSION THROUGH OUR OWN IDENTITY BECOMES. OUT OF THE SO-CALLED VOID ROSE A LIGHT, A LIGHT OF INTELLIGENT ENERGY. ITS VERY PURPOSE "BEING." AND THE PURPOSE OF "BEING" IS EXPRESSION. AND SO IT IS THAT ALL THINGS CAME TO BE, AND CONTINUE TO BE IN KEEPING WITH THE EXPRESSION OF THE LIGHT OR SO-CALLED GOD KNOWN AS INTELLIGENT ENERGY.

WE MUST NOT VIEW THIS AS SOME EVENT THAT HAPPENED EONS AGO FOR IT IS A CONTINUUM. IT CONTINUES TO TAKE PLACE EACH AND EVERY MOMENT. AND SO IT IS THAT WE ARE ENCIRCLED IN THIS INTELLIGENT ENERGY FIELD. ITS VERY NATURE "BEING." AND AS WE PERMIT OURSELVES AN OPENING OR BROADENING OF OUR HORIZONS, SO THIS ENERGY FLOWS THROUGH US, AROUND US, AND ABOUT US. THE DEATH AND BIRTH OF PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS. IS EVER DEPENDENT UPON WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE ILLUSION OF TIME. AS MAN IN HIS EVOLUTION EVOLVES ABOVE AND BEYOND TIME AND SPACE, HE AWAKENS TO THE REALITY AND THE TOTALITY OF LIFE HERSELF. OUT OF THIS GREAT SEA OF LIGHT, FORM BEGAN TO TAKE THE SHAPE. IT TOOK SHAPE IN KEEPING WITH THE LAW OF RESISTANCE.

NOW YOU HAVE HEARD MUCH SPOKEN ABOUT DENIAL AND REJECTION. YOU HAVE ALSO HEARD US SPEAK ON DESTINY, THE EFFECT OF MAN'S DENIAL. AS RESISTANCE IS INDISPENSIBLE TO THE SHAPING OF SO-CALLED FORM, SO IT IS THAT EACH THOUGHT IS 14

RESISTED. SO IT IS THAT EACH FEELING IS RESISTED. FOR WITHOUT THIS LAW OF RESISTANCE. THERE WOULD BE NO CREATION. AND SO FOR EACH STEP FORWARD, SOMETHING IS MAKING A STEP BACKWARD. FOR EACH MOVEMENT AHEAD, SOMETHING IS RETURNING TO ITS SOURCE. THAT IS THE LAW. AND WHEN YOU AWAKEN TO THE SIMPLICITY OF THAT TRUTH, THEN YOU WILL MOVE MORE GRACIOUSLY THROUGH THIS GREAT ILLUSION CALLED CREATION.

WHEN THE LOSS IS EXPERIENCED EQUAL TO THE GAIN, IN THAT BALANCE SHALL YOU RISE TO THE NEUTRALITY WHICH IS YOUR TRUE BEING, AND IN SO DOING. BE BEYOND THE LAWS OF DUALITY. AS ALL THINGS MUST DIVIDE IN ORDER TO CONQUER. SO IT IS THAT OUR THOUGHTS DIVIDE, AND SO IT IS THAT ALL FORM DIVIDES. FOR DIVISION IS THE LAW OF

FORM.

IT IS OUR PURPOSE TO HELP YOU TO HELP YOURSELVES, FOR HE WHO HELPS ANOTHER, AND IN SO DOING MAKES THE ONE HELPED DEPENDENT UPON THEM. HAS HELPED NO ONE BUT HIMSELF. SO IN OUR EFFORTS TO STUDY AND TO APPLY, LET US EVER REMEMBER THE SIMPLE LAW OF SOLICITATION. LET US REMEMBER THAT PRESENCE IS THAT LAW, THAT PRESENCE IS THE LAW OF SOLICITATION.

AND LET US VIEW THIS INTELLIGENT INFINITE LIGHT OF WHICH IN TRUTH WE ARE. WE ARE THAT LIGHT. WE ARE THAT WHOLENESS. WE ARE IN TRUTH THAT GOODNESS. BUT IT IS THE WORLD OF CREATION, THIS WORLD OF DIVISION, THAT BLINDS OUR VIEW. GO BEYOND THE SCREEN OF TIME, FOR IT IS A SCREEN BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR ETERNAL HOME THAT IS THIS MOMENT. THERE IS NO PAST AND THERE IS NO FUTURE. THERE IS ONLY THE MOMENT OF YOUR AWARENESS. THAT IS, FOR TRUTH IS. TRUTH, MY GOOD STUDENTS, NEEDS NO DEFENSE FOR TRUTH IS BEYOND THE ILLUSION OF NEED.

HOW DOES MAN FREE HIMSELF FROM THESE CREATED DELUSIONS? BY TOTAL ACCEPTANCE, HE RISES BEYOND THE LAW OF CREATION. HE NO LONGER RESISTS. IT IS OUR RESISTANCE THAT CREATES THE (continued page 16) 15

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OBSTRUCTIONS IN OUR PATH. AND THE DAYS IN
ETERNITY, THE MOMENTS OF NOW ARE FILLED WITH SO
MANY, SO MANY FORMS, SO MANY OBSTRUCTIONS.
LOOK, MY STUDENTS, AT WHAT YOU DO NOT RESIST,
AND SEE HOW FREELY IT FLOWS THROUGH YOUR
CONSCIOUSNESS. SO WHATEVER, WHATEVER IT MAY BE,
GO HOME -- HOME TO THE LIGHT WHICH YOU ARE -FOR THERE IS NOT ONLY YOUR DIVINITY, BUT THERE
IS YOUR FULLNESS OF LIFE, FOR THERE IN TRUTH IS
YOUR ALLNESS.

MANY PHILOSOPHIES HAVE SPOKEN ON "SOUL MATES" AND HAVE SPOKEN ON "GUARDIAN ANGELS." BE REST ASSURED, FOR EVERY FORM THERE IS A MATE, FOR YOU ARE ONLY A PART IN FORM, AND THERE IS ANOTHER PART. AND WHEN THAT IS AMALGAMATED. THEN YOU HAVE THAT TOTALITY IN THAT LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS. BUT ABOVE, ABOVE FORM, ABOVE CREATION, THERE IS WHERE ALL THE JOY OF LIFE EXPRESSES. DO NOT CONTINUE TO LIMIT YOUR LIVES. AND REMEMBER, ONLY THROUGH RESISTANCE IS LIMITATION POSSIBLE, FOR ONLY THROUGH RESISTANCE CAN THE BARRIERS FORMED FROM MENTAL SUBSTANCE BE CREATED FOR YOU. MANY HAVE SAID THAT MAN IS THE EFFECT OF HIS THOUGHTS. THAT IS INDEED THE MAN OF FORM. HOW DOES MAN. LIMITED BY HIS THOUGHTS, BECOME UNIVERSAL IN CONSCIOUSNESS? THROUGH THE SLOW BUT SURE EFFORT OF WITHDRAWAL -- TO WITHDRAW THE MENTAL ACTIVITY FROM A WORLD FILLED WITH VARIETY. THAT IS WHAT IS, IN TRUTH, TAKING PLACE. MANY OF YOUR ENDEAVOURS, MANY OF YOUR INTERESTS NO LONGER SERVE YOU WELL, AND YOU HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THEM -- SOME OF THEM BY CONSCIOUS CHOICE, AD SOME OF THEM FROM SO-CALLED NECESSITY. BUT REMEMBER, OUR NECESSITIES WERE CHOICES. BECAUSE WE WILL NOT PERMIT OUR MINDS TO VIEW CIRCUMSTANCES OR NECESSITIES AS AN EFFECT OF LAWS THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED IN NO WAY FREES US FROM THE LAWS THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED.

BEYOND ALL OF THAT IS THAT LIGHT THAT IS

THE TRUE YOU. BEYOND THE MANY FORMS OF YOUR EARTHLY EXPERIENCE AND THE MANY FORMS THAT YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU TO EARTH, BEYOND ALL OF THAT IS YOU -- UNCLUTTERED, UNCONTAMINATED, THAT SO-CALLED "PIN HEAD" KNOWN AS THE "ETERNAL BEING." WHATEVER AND WHEREVER YOU FIND THAT LIGHT IS THE RIGHT PLACE FOR YOU, FOR BE IT THE TRUE LIGHT, IT SHINES IN MANY PLACES AND IT IS.

AND SO THE PATHS OF MY STUDENTS ARE INDEED VARIED. SOMETIMES THEY PASS ON BY HAVING BARELY TOUCHED THE LIGHT, BUT THE LIGHT IS AWAKENED WITHIN. THOUGH THE CHANGES DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE, THE LAW HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND THE CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE ON LEVELS THAT THE CONSCIOUS MIND CANNOT VIEW. FOR WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY IN YOUR EFFORTS ESTABLISHED, HAS BEEN SET INTO MOTION. THOUGH YOU FREQUENTLY REST BY THE WELL, YOU WILL RISE AGAIN, AND MOVE ONWARD ON YOUR JOURNEY THOUGH THIS SO-CALLED TIME AND SPACE.

TO GO BEYOND THAT ILLUSION, ONE MUST FIRST ACCEPT THAT IT IS ILLUSION. AND ONE CAN EASILY IN THE LIGHT OF REASON ACCEPT THE ILLUSION OF TIME AND SPACE, FOR THEY CAN VIEW THROUGH THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES HOW QUICKLY TIME PASSES WHEN THEIR ATTENTION IS UPON ANYTHING THAT TRULY INTERESTS THEM. AND HOW SLOWLY TIME PASSES WHEN THEY FIND. FROM SO-CALLED CIRCUMSTANCES. THE NECESSITY TO ENDURE THAT WHICH THEY FIND LITTLE OR NO INTEREST IN. SO WE ALREADY HAVE THE NECESSARY EXPERIENCES IN LIFE TO TEACH US THE SIMPLE TRUTH THAT TIME INDEED IS DEPENDENT UPON MANY THINGS. AND SO IT IS THAT SPACE IS DEPENDENT AS AN ILLUSION UPON MANY THINGS. AS THESE BARRIERS OF THINGS OR FORMS BEGIN TO DISINTEGRATE BEFORE THE LIGHT OF TRUTH, MAN WILL FIND HIMSELF LIMITLESS AND FREE. BUT TO FIND YOURSELF LIMITLESS AND FREE, YOU MUST FIRST ACCEPT IN YOUR THOUGHTS THE POSSIBILITY. AND SO HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO THIS MOMENT OF YOUR STRUGGLE? MY STUDENTS, IT IS THE VERY (continued page 34) 17

#### Gems of Light

THE KING OF GREED KEEPS MAN IN NEED.

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MAN LIVES WITH KINDNESS AND SURVIVES WITHOUT IT.

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THE SOUL AWAKENS WHEN SELF IS FORGOTTEN.

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MAN INSISTS ON QUESTIONING GOD, YET GOD IN HUMILITY NEVER QUESTIONS MAN.

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THE BONDAGE OF REVIEW BECOMES THE FREEDOM OF PREVIEW WHEN MAN ACCEPTS PROMISE, THE PATH OF PEACE. PRINCIPLE IS ESTABLISHED AND REASON FLOWS FREELY.

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HE WHO HATH NO PATIENCE, HATH NO WISDOM.

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REALITY IS SIMPLY YOUR ENTERTAINMENT OF A DREAM.

#### Spiritual Healing

by Patricia Lazar\*

THE MOST COMMON EXCUSE FOR THE BLAHS IS "I'VE PICKED UP THAT VIRUS THAT'S GOING AROUND."WHAT WE REALLY DO IS PICK UP OUR BAG OF UNFULFILLED DESIRES AND START FEELING SORRY FOR OURSELVES AND BECOME GROUNDED BY OUR OWN

VIBRATION.

THERE'S A SAYING IN THE LIVING LIGHT PHILOSOPHY THAT STATES, "WHEN MAN SAYS THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT, GOD SAYS IF YOU'RE SO SMART THAT'S ALL YOU GET." FOR WHEN WE ESTABLISH THE LAW OF INGRATITUDE, WE BECOME THE OBSTRUCTION TO OUR OWN GOODNESS, GOD'S DIVINE FLOW. THIS INCLUDES THE NECESSARY ENERGY TO FUNCTION

PROPERLY IN OUR BODY.

IF WE COULD IMAGINE THAT WE ARE A MOUNTAIN STREAM. AND BEING A STREAM WE HAVE MANY PARTS. THE WATER IN THE STREAM IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR IT GIVES LIFE TO ALL THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS, FROM THE MOUNTAIN PEAK DOWN TO THE OCEAN. THERE'S AN IMPORTANT CYCLE THE STREAM FULFILLS; THE WATER MUST FLOW TO THE OCEAN AND PARTLY EVAPORATE TO CREATE RAIN ON THE MOUNTAIN SO THE STREAM WILL ALWAYS HAVE WATER. SO, LET'S SAY GOD, THE DIVINE INTELLIGENT ENERGY IS THE WATER. AND WE ARE THE STREAM. IF WE BLOCK THE FLOW OF THE WATER WITH A DAM, OTHER PARTS OF OUR STREAM DRY UP AND START TO DIE FROM LACK OF WATER. LIKE OUR HEALTH; IF WE DAM UP OUR THOUGHTS WITH SELF-PITY AND DENY GOD, WE BEGIN TO SUFFER WITH ILL HEALTH.

WHEN WE REALIZE GOD'S ENERGY IS FILTERED THROUGH OUR SPIRIT, MIND, AND BODY, WHY THEN

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#### Visitors' Views

"FANTASTIC AND INSPIRING." - D.K.

"IT WAS SO VERY INTERESTING AND SO VERY WELL PUT TOGETHER, WILL BE BACK."

"THIS IS THE FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH WHICH I HAVE COME TO, AND WAS VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH THE SERVICE. THE MEDIUMS ARE SOMETHING NEW FOR ME. THE LESSONS OF THE TEACHING FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD WERE EXCELLENT. THERE WAS SO MUCH GIVEN THAT IT WILL TAKE MUCH TIME TO THINK ABOUT. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN SPIRITUALITY AND IT WAS A FINE OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH PEOPLE OF A SEARCHING MIND. EXCELLENT MUSIC, TOO." - P.J.

"THANK YOU - VERY MUCH." - J.B.

"I ENJOYED THE SERVICE - ESPECIALLY LIKED THE BLENDING OF HUMOR (ABILITY TO LAUGH AT ONE'S SELF) WITH THE POSITIVE, OPTIMISTIC APPROACH TO LIFE."

"NOT A RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE BUT A SPIRITUAL ONE. UNIVERSAL TERMS USED AND THEY APPLY, FOR ALL THINGS ARE APART OF AND ONE WITH THE DIVINE CREATION. ENJOYED IT." - S.R.C.

"VERY HIGH ENERGY PEOPLE. I'M GLAD I CAME." - S.L.

"THE COMMENTS ON TODAY'S TOPIC WERE JUST RIGHT FOR ME. I ENJOYED THE TOTAL SERVICE AND I WILL BE BACK." - M.N.

#### Invocation

THANK THEE O GOD, FOR GIVING HUMANITY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CREATING MAY THE CREATIONS OF OUR MIND BE DIRECTED UPWARDS TO THEE.

#### Reading

TO BE THE DIRECTOR OF ONE'S OWN DESTINY, TO HAVE DESTINY AT OUR COMMAND, IS OUR ETERNAL BIRTHRIGHT. GOD IS NOT IN CHARGE OF PASSING OUT GOOD DESTINIES TO SOME AND BAD DESTINIES TO OTHERS, BUT GOD WILL SUSTAIN WHATEVER DESTINY WE CHOOSE. WE CHOOSE OUR DESTINY BY THE THOUGHTS AND ATTITUDES OF OUR MIND. IF WE MAKE THE EFFORT TO BECOME AWARE OF WHAT OUR THOUGHTS ARE, WE WILL SEE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN WHAT WE THINK, THE CAUSE, AND WHAT WE EXPERIENCE, THE EFFECT. THE NEXT STEP IS TO BEGIN TO TAKE CHARGE OF OUR THOUGHTS, AND IN DOING SO, WE TAKE OUR DESTINY INTO OUR HANDS AND FREE OURSELVES FROM BEING CONTROLLED BY OUR OWN UNRULY THOUGHTS.

BEING IN CHARGE OF OUR MIND IS A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, FOR WE MUST BE ON GUARD AT ALL TIMES, MONITORING, DIRECTING, AND TALKING TO OUR THOUGHTS. FOR, LIKE CHILDREN, OUR MINDS ARE NOT ACCUSTOMED TO BEING DIRECTED. THEY HAVE SPENT LIFETIMES IN THE LAP OF LICENSE, DOING AS THEY PLEASED. LIKE A TAPE RECORDER, THEY HAVE BEEN PLAYING ON AUTOMATIC REVERSE, OR FAST FORWARD, AND HAVE TAKEN US RIGHT DOWN THE RIVER OF PAST EXPERIENCE, RATHER THAN UP THE STREAM OF LIFE TO NEW EXPERIENCES OF OUR CHOICE. WHEN WE BEGIN TO REALIZE HOW LITTLE CONTROL WE HAVE OVER OUR THINKING, AND HOW MUCH OF OUR THINKING IS AUTOMATIC, WE WILL BEGIN TO MAKE MORE EFFORT TO TAKE OVER THE CONTROLS AND TO EXERCISE OUR DIVINE BIRTHRIGHT OF BEING (continued page 38)

#### Serenity Students

by Howard Lazar\*

ONE OF THE OLDEST PRACTICAL JOKES WHICH MAN PLAYS ON HIMSELF IS THE DELUSION THAT HE IS THE EXPERIENCE HE'S ENCOUNTERING. OFTTIMES "THE EXPERIENCE" IS TRANSLATED INTO THE PLACE IN WHICH HE LIVES. BY THE DUAL PROCESS OF HIS MIND'S CREATION, MAN EITHER LIKES HIS HOME, DISLIKES IT, OR CONS HIMSELF FURTHER BY BELIEVING HE COULD CARE LESS ABOUT IT. IN EACH INSTANCE, HE TAKES PRIDE IN HIS PREFERENCE, AND THIS PRIDE BECOMES HIS PREJUDICE.

HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU HEARD -- PERHAPS YOURSELF -- EXCLAIM: "I LOVE THIS TOWN, THIS PLACE, THIS HOUSE, BECAUSE IT'S ME!" ... ONLY TO FIND YOURSELF IN A SUBSEQUENT SHELTER, PRAISING OR DENEGRATING ITS QUALITIES BECAUSE IT, TOO, EITHER FITS OR DOESN'T INTO WHAT IS "ME."

THE CENTURIES OF RECORDED HISTORY, LET ALONE SPIRITUAL TEACHING, SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT IN DEMONSTRATING THAT DWELLINGS COME AND GO. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAN'S SELF-IMAGE WHICH ENTERS AND LEAVES AN ILLUSORY STAGE, WEARING A SIMILAR OR DIFFERENT GARB EACH TIME. MANY PEOPLE, WHEN LEAVING ON VACATION, BOAST ABOUT THEIR ABILITY TO FIT EVERYTHING INTO ONE SUITCASE. THEY NEGLECT TO MENTION THE OTHER EXTENSION OF THEMSELVES WHICH THEY TAKE ALONG: THE THOUGHT OF THE CASTLE, OR SECURITY, THEY CLAIM IS THEIRS.

IN TRUTH, NOTHING LASTS. NOTHING IS EVER OWNED. NOT EVEN WOOD, PLASTER, BRICK, OR MARBLE, CAN WITHSTAND THE PASSAGE OF TIME. WHY SHOULD THEY WHEN MAN'S SELF-IMAGE UNDERGOES (continued page 43)

### Children's Corner

WHEN YOU GIT HURT YOU SHUD LOOK IN SIED OF YOU AND FIND OUT WHAY YOU MERITED GETTING HURT.

Michael Field, Age 12

GOD HAVE THE WORLD.

GOD HAS US.

WE LOVE GOD.

GOD MAKES RAIN FOR US.

GOD LETS THE SUN SHINE ON US.

Richie Arcona, Age 7

WHEN WE DON'T HAVE SELF-CONTROL WE WILL BE MAD AND IF WE DON'T BE MAD WE WILL HAVE SELF-CONTROL, WE WILL BE NICE.

Tommie Arcona, Age 4 1/2

WHEN YOU DON'T CONTROL YOURSELF YOU DON'T FEEL GOOD. WHEN YOU DON'T FEEL GOOD YOU BE MAD. WHEN YOU HAVE SELF-CONTROL YOU BE IN TROUBLE, WHEN YOU BE IN TROUBLE, YOU DON'T HAVE SELF-CONTROL. IF YOU HAVE SELF-CONTROL YOU FEEL GOOD AND GOD'S IN YOUR HEART.

Richie Arcona, Age 7

IF YOU SAY "I DON'T LIKE YOU" TO SOMEONE, AND THE NEXT DAY SOMEONE ELS SAYS IT TO YOU MIGHT WONDER WHY. ITS BECAUSE A JUDGEMENT YOU MAKE ALWAYS RETURNS TO YOU.

Stacey Lorraine McKenzie, Age 12

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For the Divine Law of Acceptance
That is healing both present and absent ones
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Peace, the power that healeth,
Is guiding my thoughts, acts and deeds,
As God and I go hand in hand
Living a life of joyful abundance.



#### Poet's Pen

#### RESPONSIBLE

IT'S REALLY SOMETHING TO SEE
HOW VUNERABLE WE CAN BE
HOW QUICKLY ANOTHER'S WORD CAN FREE
THOUGHTS BURIED DEEP INSIDE ME
IT'S REALLY SOMETHING TO SEE.

AND IF IT'S REALLY TRUE
BEFORE A WORD A THOUGHT MUST BE
THEN WHAT THOUGHTS IN ANOTHER DO MINE FREE
WHEN UNSPOKEN THEY BE?
OH GOD, IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY.

- Beverly Houser

#### THE WAR

JUDGMENT IS SUCH A FRIGHTFUL THING LITTLE HAPPINESS DOES IT BRING FOR ITSELF IT MUST FULFILL NO MATTER HOW HIGH THE BILL.

NO MATTER WHAT THE PRICE A JUDGMENT WILL ENTICE EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE TO SHOW THAT IT HAS WON.

IT'S JUST THE NATURE OF THIS KING
OF JUDGMENT TO RULE SUPREME
FOR IT ALWAYS DENIES THE VERY THING
THAT FREEDOM FOR OUR SOUL WOULD BRING.

- Beverly Houser

### In Our Thoughts

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TO SEND A HELPFUL THOUGHT OF JOY AND LIGHT TO THOSE YOU LOVE WHO HAVE PASSED TO THE HIGHER LIFE, LIST THEIR NAMES IN THIS COLUMN. DONATION OF ONE DOLLAR PER NAME IS REQUESTED.

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BEFORE HOW MAN IS A RECEIVING SET, A RECEIVING
AND SENDING SET, YOU SEE. HE HAS THOUGHTS, AND
YOU KNOW OF COURSE BEING GROUNDED FOR SO LONG
IN OURSELF, WE THINK THE THOUGHTS ALL ORIGINATE
IN HERE. BUT TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THEY'RE
ORIGINATING FROM SOMEBODY OVER THERE, AND WE'RE
RECEPTIVE TO THAT LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, AND
SO WE EXPRESS IT; AND WE THINK THE THOUGHT IS
OURS!

NOW, HAVE YOU EVER HAD AN EXPERIENCE WITH HOW, HOW HYPNOSIS WORKS? AND HOW A PERSON DOES THINGS? WELL, DON'T YOU KNOW, THEY ACCEPT THAT THAT'S THEIR OWN THOUGHT, BUT IT'S THE THOUGHT OF SOMEONE ELSE! WELL, WE'RE IN THOSE LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS MORE TIMES THAN WE WOULD LIKE TO REALIZE THAT WE'RE IN THEM. SO THAT DEPENDS, AS I SAID, ON YOUR ABILITY AT SELF CONTROL. ARE YOU ABLE TO CONTROL YOUR THOUGHTS? NOW YOU FIRST MUST CONTROL YOUR THOUGHTS BEFORE YOU CAN DISCERN WHERE THEY ARE COMING FROM, YOU SEE. NOW A PERSON THAT'S ABLE TO CONTROL THEIR THOUGHTS AND CONTROL THEIR MIND CANNOT BE HYPNOTIZED, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

QUESTION: I'VE NOT HAD THAT...I DON'T KNOW, I DON'T KNOW.

WELL, THEY CANNOT BE. THEY CANNOT BE, MY DEAR. BUT YOU SEE, SO IT ALL GOES DOWN TO CONTROL, TO SELF-CONTROL. YOU SEE, WE DO ALL KINDS OF THINGS IN THE COURSE OF A DAY BECAUSE WE BECAME RECEPTIVE TO A CERTAIN LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, AND A THOUGHT ENTERED OUR HEAD, AND WE REACTED. WE DON'T SAY: "WHY THIS AND WHY NOW?" WE DON'T QUESTION OURSELF WHERE IS THIS THOUGHT COMING FROM. BECAUSE, YOU SEE, WE HAVE GOT SO BLOATED IN OUR SELF-IMPORTANCE THAT WE CREDIT OURSELF WITH ALL OF OUR THOUGHTS. AND ANYTHING THAT DOESN'T COME OUT OF THIS HEAD, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE ANY VALUE FOR. DON'T YOU SEE? IT ALL DEALS WITH SELF-CONTROL. YES.

NOW, THE QUESTION IS: "WELL, IF THE THOUGHT

IS COMING FROM OUTSIDE OF ME, IS THAT A BENEFICIAL THOUGHT?" WELL, THAT DEPENDS, MY DEAR, IF YOU ARE ON A BENEFICIAL LEVEL. DO YOU SEE THAT? SURE. YOU SEE, WHEN MAN IS NEGATIVE, THEN HE IS THE OPEN RECEIVING SET FOR EVERY NEGATIVE THOUGHT VIBRATION IN ALL OF THE UNIVERSES! AND SO WHAT HAPPENS, WHEN WE GET NEGATIVE. WE GET MORE NEGATIVE. AND WE KEEP GOING DOWN AND WE GET MORE AND MORE NEGATIVE. WELL, IT'S THE SAME THING LIKE WHEN YOU HAVE A DESIRE. ENTERTAIN IT FOR AWHILE, THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T STOP, YOU HAVE TO FULFILL IT, BECAUSE IT STARTS TO DRIVE YOU CRAZY. WELL, WHY DOES IT DO THAT? WHERE DOES ALL OF THAT ENERGY DIRECTED TO THAT LEVEL COME FROM? YOU OPENED UP TO ALL THE UNIVERSES AND EVERYBODY ON THAT LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, AND YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOURSELF ANYMORE. WOULD YOU NOT AGREE? PARDON?

QUESTION: YES.

ANSWER: YES. SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS, YES. YOU ARE TRUTH, MY FRIENDS. YOU SEE, IT'S BEEN STATED IN THESE CLASSES MANY TIMES: TRUTH COMES TO NO ONE WITHOUT CONTROL. THAT HAS BEEN STATED AGAIN AND AGAIN. WHY, YOU CAN'T EXPERIENCE TRUTH UNTIL YOU CAN CONTROL. YOU FIRST MUST CONTROL.

QUESTION: I HAVE HEARD THAT VARIOUS LITERARY WORKS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT THROUGH AND COMPOSERS HAVE BROUGHT THROUGH MUSIC THAT WASN'T COMPLETELY THEIR OWN DOING. IS IT FAIR FOR THEM TO TAKE CREDIT FOR IT?

ANSWER: WELL, IS IT FAIR FOR WHO TO TAKE CREDIT?

QUESTION: THE ONE HERE ON THE EARTH PLANET .

ANSWER: THE CHANNEL? WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT WONDERFUL QUESTION. ANYONE, ANYWHERE, THAT TAKES CREDIT FOR ANY JOB THAT THEY DO IS DENYING THE DIVINITY. THEY ARE DENYING THE TRUE SOURCE. NOW, HE WHO SEEKS THE (continued page 30)

continued from page 29 PRAISE OF MAN LOSES SIGHT OF GOD'S TRUE PLAN. WHEN WE FIND IT NECESSARY, AFTER DOING A JOB, TO SEARCH OUT AND TO SEEK GLORIFICATION FOR OURSELF, THERE ARE NO SPIRITUAL DEPOSITS IN OUR ETERNAL SPIRITUAL BANK ACCOUNT. AND WE NEVER KNOW WHEN WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO DRAW ON THAT BANK ACCOUNT. AND IF THERE'S NO SPIRITUAL DEPOSITS THERE, THERE IS NOTHING TO DRAW UPON. AND SO IT SURELY BEHOOVES MAN TO DO THE WORK HE HAS TO DO, NOT TO SEEK THE PRAISE OF MAN. FOR GOD'S GREATEST WORK, MY DEAR, IS DONE IN SILENCE. HOWEVER, IF A SOUL NEEDS TO TELL THE WORLD HOW GOOD THEY'RE DOING BECAUSE THEY NEED, THEY THINK THEY NEED ENCOURAGEMENT, THEN THAT SIMPLY MEANS THAT THAT SOUL ON THAT LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS HAS NOT YET FOUND THE TRUE FAITH AND RELIANCE UPON WHAT THEY CALL GOD, THAT THEY ARE STILL RELYING UPON THE PRAISES OF MAN IN ORDER TO DO GOD'S WORK. IT'S KNOWN AS A MENTAL CRUTCH. BUT IN TIME IT SHALL PASS. DOES THAT HELP WITH YOUR QUESTION?

QUESTION: YES. COULD I ASK ONE MORE QUESTION?

ANSWER: CERTAINLY.

QUESTION: WHEN YOU SUBMIT A WORK TO A PUBLISHER, YOU CAN'T VERY WELL SAY IT WAS WRITTEN THROUGH YOU, CAN YOU?

ANSWER: WELL, UNLESS YOU PUBLISH IT YOURSELF! THAT DEPENDS, THAT DEPENDS, MY DEAR. IF YOU ACCEPT THAT YOU CANNOT SUBMIT A BOOK TO A PUBLISHER WITHOUT TAKING PERSONAL CREDIT FOR IT, WITHOUT GIVING THE CREDIT LINE TO THE TRUE SOURCE, THEN THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THAT YOU CAN GO. BUT YOU SEE, GOD'S GREATER THAN ALL OF THE PUBLISHERS -- THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY PUBLISHERS IF IT WASN'T FOR GOD. SO I WOULDN'T RELY UPON MAN. NO. GUARANTEES TO FAIL YOU.

QUESTION: WHAT I WAS WONDERING WAS JUST BEFORE TRANSITION, AND SAY ONE HAS A CONSCIOUS AWARENESS OF THE PHYSICAL FLESH, AND YET AT THE 30 SAME TIME MAYBE THEY HAVE AN AWARENESS OF SURROUNDING FRIENDS, OR HEARING OF MUSIC, AND ET CETERA, WHAT IS IT REALLY THAT STIMULATES THAT? AND MAYBE SAY THERE WASN'T AWARENESS, MAYBE THERE PROBABLY WAS OR THAT WOULDN'T HAPPEN, WHAT IS IT REALLY STIMULATES THAT COMING EVENT?

ANSWER: WELL, COMING EVENTS, MY GOOD STUDENT, FORECAST THEIR SHADOWS FOR ALL OF US. YOU SEE, MAN IS ALWAYS PREPARED FOR ANYTHING HE IS YET TO FACE. NOW THE ONLY TIME THAT WE THINK WE ARE NOT PREPARED IS WHEN WE ARE EXPRESSING THROUGH THE MAGNETIC FIELD KNOWN AS OUR EMOTION. WELL, WE ARE ALWAYS PREPARED FOR ALL COMING EVENTS. AND HOW FORTUNUATE INDEED WE ARE FOR THAT.

NOW IN REFERENCE TO SOMEONE AT THE TIME OF TRANSITION EXPERIENCING SOMETIMES VOICES OF THE DEPARTED, OF THEIR FORMS, OR MUSIC, ET CETERA, THAT MEANS SIMPLY THAT THEY HAVE REACHED THAT LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, YOU UNDERSTAND, AND THEREFORE ARE HAVING THE EXPERIENCE ON SPIRITUAL LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, OR COULD EVEN BE ASTRAL LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS.

NOW, YOU KNOW IT'S SO WONDERFUL, WHEN WE FACE THE SITUATION WHERE WE SAY, "WELL, LORD, I KNOW. I HAVE ACCEPTED. I HAVE ONLY A FEW MONTHS LEFT TO LIVE IN THIS EARTH REALM." IT IS JUST WONDERFUL THE EXPERIENCES THAT WE GO THROUGH. IT REALLY IS. YOU SEE, MAN, BELIEVE ME, DOESN'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT SO-CALLED DEATH OR TRANSITION. HE JUST PUSHES THAT RIGHT OUT OF HIS MIND UNTIL IT KNOCKS. AND IT KNOCKS ACCORDING TO WHAT WE RELY UPON. FOR EXAMPLE. IF WE RELY UPON A MEDICAL DOCTOR AND WE HAVE FAITH IN THE DOCTOR, AND THE DOCTOR SAYS, "WELL, JOE, YOU'VE GOT TWO MONTHS LEFT TO," WELL, OF COURSE, WE ACCEPT THAT, IF THAT'S WHERE WE HAVE PLACED OUR FAITH AND OUR RELIANCE. AND WHEN WE DO THAT, THE MIND GOES THROUGH ALL KINDS OF CHANGES AND PROCESSES. WELL, THE TRUTH OF THE (continued page 32) 31

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MATTER IS, YOU MIGHT GO TWO MONTHS AND YOU
MIGHT GO ANOTHER TWENTY YEARS. THAT ISN'T
DEPENDENT UPON THE DOCTOR AT ALL. NO. HE'S NOT
THE ONE THAT IS GOING TO MAKE YOU GO TWO YEARS,
TWO MONTHS OR TWENTY.

HOWEVER, IT DOES OFTTIMES SERVE A VERY GOOD PURPOSE. DO YOU KNOW WHY? WE START TO THINK. DO I REALLY BELIEVE, REALLY, IN THE CONTINUITY OF LIFE? AM I PLEASED WITH WHAT I HAVE DONE WITH MY LIFE TO THIS POINT? THAT'S WHERE THE TRUTH STARTS RISING IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS. AND WE START REALLY TO THINK. MOST OF US HAVE BEEN BRAINWASHED TO A GOD OF WRATH, A GOD OF ABSOLUTE JUSTICE. AND WE START TO SHUDDER. BECAUSE WE ARE NOT QUITE SURE WHETHER WE REALLY BELIEVE IN THE CONTINUITY OF LIFE, OR WE'RE GOING TO FACE THIS JUDGE (WHICH IN TRUTH, OF COURSE, IS OUR OWN CONSCIENCE), AND SOMETHING INSIDE OF US STARTS TO GO TO WORK. AND SO IT'S NICE. I THINK IT WOULD HELP ALL OF MY STUDENTS TO SIT DOWN, AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MINUTES, AND SAY TO YOURSELF, "WELL, IN NINE MINUTES I'M GOING TO LEAVE THIS BODY FOR GOOD. HOW DO I FEEL ABOUT IT? WHAT HAVE I LEFT UNFINISHED? WHO AM I GOING TO HAVE TO FACE? AND WHAT KIND OF JUDGMENT WILL I BE ABLE TO ACCEPT, BECAUSE WHETHER I ACCEPT IT OR NOT, IT'S GOING TO BE?" IT BEHOOVES YOU, MY FRIENDS: STOP AND THINK. STOP AND THINK. THEN YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN? YOU'LL SAY, "WELL, I HAVE GOT NINE MINUTES TO GO. THE TRAIN IS COMING AND I'M ON MY WAY. AND I CAN'T TURN BACK. WELL, I HAVE A HOUSE, AND I HAVE A COUPLE OF CARS. I'VE GOT THIS AND THAT." WHAT VALUE DO THEY HAVE? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE THEM WITH YOU. WHAT ARE GOING TO TAKE WITH YOU? REMEMBER, YOU TAKE NO PHYSICAL SUBSTANCE INTO THOSE DIMENSIONS, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T EXIST IN THOSE DIMENSIONS. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE WITH YOU, FRIENDS? WHAT IS GOING TO COMFORT YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY? WHAT IS GOING 32

TO ENCOURAGE YOU AND KEEP YOU GOING? WHAT DO YOU HAVE? WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO TAKE WITH YOU? THE ONLY THING YOU HAVE IS YOUR MIND, THAT'S ALL. WHAT KIND OF A MIND ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE? ARE YOU GOING TO BE PLEASED WITH IT? THINK ABOUT THAT. EVERY MOMENT IS A DEATH. AND EVERY MOMENT IS A BIRTH, FOR IT IS A DEATH AND BIRTH IN CONSCIOUSNESS. SO THINK. SO OFTEN WE THINK, WELL, IN TEN YEARS I'LL HAVE THIS HERE IN THIS PHYSICAL WORLD. OR, IN TWENTY YEARS I'LL HAVE THAT. WELL, MY FRIENDS YOU MIGHT NOT MAKE IT TEN YEARS! YOU MIGHT NOT EVEN MAKE IT TEN DAYS! SO IS THAT SENSIBLE? IS IT REASONABLE TO GARNER UP ALL OF THE GOLD OF THIS MATERIAL WORLD AND PUT IT ALL INTO A BANK ACCOUNT. IS IT LOGICAL? IS IT EVEN LOGICAL TO LIVE IN THAT KIND OF FEAR? BECAUSE YOU SEE, IF YOU LIVE IN THAT KIND OF FEAR -- IF THAT'S WHERE YOUR SECURITY IS, WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR PHYSICAL BODY, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE BANK DOORS, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE YOUR SECURITY IS. AND SO YOU, YOUR ASTRAL BODY, YOUR DESIRE BODY, WILL HOVER AT THOSE BANK VAULTS. BUT ALL IT CAN DO IS HOVER AND GO THROUGH ITS FRUSTRATIONS. THINK, MY GOOD STUDENTS, IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT? WE ARE ALL GOING TO HAVE TO FACE THAT. AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HOUR, WHAT DAY, OR WHAT MOMENT WE ARE GOING TO FACE IT. PREPARE YOURSELVES. SOMEHOW YOU HAVE MERITED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR TIME IS WAY PAST. LET US HAVE REFRESHMENTS.

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MAN'S ABILITY TO ENTERTAIN A THOUGHT OR LEVEL OF AWARENESS WITHOUT ENSLAVEMENT, IS EQUAL TO AND DEPENDENT UPON HIS DESIRE TO BE WITH GOD. -- The Wise One

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FOUNDATION UPON WHICH YOU BUILD A SUCCESSFUL
AND FULL LIFE. FOR THEN, IN THOSE MOMENTS
BEYOND CREATION, IN THOSE MOMENTS THAT YOU CAN
EASILY RISE TO, YOU KNOW IN THAT MOMENT THAT
ALL THINGS ARE IN A PROCESS OF PASSING. THEY
WILL PASS QUICKLY OR SLOWLY, DEPENDENT UPON YOU
FOR IT IS FROM YOU THAT THE LAW IS BEING
ESTABLISHED.

WE IDENTIFY, AND THROUGH THAT LAW BECOME SO MANY THINGS, MY STUDENTS. WE EXPERIENCE SO MUCH, AND THEN THE DAY COMES WHEN WE ASK OURSELVES THE QUESTION, "WHY AM I HERE, WHERE AM I GOING, OH, WHERE HAVE I BEEN?" I ASSURE YOU THAT YOU HAVE BEEN EVERYWHERE, THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ALL THINGS, FOR YOU CANNOT SEPARATE THE INTELLIGENT LIGHT OF ENERGY WHICH YOU ARE. WHEN YOU ACCEPT WHAT YOU REALLY ARE, YOU WILL NO LONGER EXPERIENCE THESE STRUGGLES, THESE DIFFICULTIES, THESE WANTS, THESE NEEDS, AND THESE DESIRES, FOR YOU CANNOT NEED WHAT YOU ALREADY ARE. YOU CANNOT WANT, NOR YEA, DESIRE THAT WHICH YOU ARE.

SLOWLY BUT SURELY DO WE RISE IN CONSCIOUSNESS TO THAT TRUTH. AND IT IS MOMENTS OF GREAT PEACE WHEN WE GO HOME. LET US THROUGH OUR ACCEPTANCE GO HOME MORE OFTEN. FOR THERE. BASKING IN THAT INTELLIGENT ENERGY, FREED FROM ALL FORMS OF SO-CALLED LIFE, THERE, MY STUDENTS. IS THE GREAT FOUNTAIN OF REJUVENATION. THERE YOU ONCE AGAIN ARE BORN. THAT IS THE SO-CALLED "REBIRTH," ONLY TO GO OUT TO WANDER AGAIN. BUT IN YOUR WANDERINGS AGAIN A CONSCIOUS AWARENESS OF THAT LIGHT, OF THAT ENERGY GUIDES YOU THROUGH THE JUNGLES OF CREATION. SO OFTEN IN THE JUNGLE WE VIEW WHAT WE THINK WE HAVE LOST. RARELY DO WE SEE WHAT WE ARE GAINING. BUT IT IS ALL A PROCESS OF MOVEMENT. IT IS ALL COMING AND GOING AT ALL TIMES. IF IT TAKES US DAYS, WEEKS, YEARS TO REALIZE THAT IT IS PASSING, THEN FOR US IT 34

SHALL TAKE THOSE YEARS. "HOLD NOT TO FORM," IS OUR BASIC TEACHING FOR FORM SHALL PASS. HOLD NOT TO THE FORM OF YOUR THOUGHTS. HOLD NOT TO THOSE THINGS. USE THEM, DON'T ABUSE THEM. LET ALL FORM FREELY GO FROM YOUR LIFE, AND THEN ALL SHALL FREELY ENTER YOUR LIFE. BUT THAT DOES TAKE SOME EFFORT ON YOUR PART TO BE AWARE AND TO STAY AWAKE. SLEEP NOT IN THE SEA OF SATISFACTION, FOR IN SO DOING, THE PAIN IS GREAT WHEN YOU AWAKEN, AND AWAKEN, ALL SOULS ARE DESTINED TO DO.

SOME OF YOU ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY IN LEVELS OF CONSCIOUSNESS THAT YOU YOURSELVES ARE NOT CONSCIOUSLY AWARE OF. BUT YOU ARE WORKING, BECAUSE THERE IS A PART OF YOU DEEP INSIDE THAT KNOWS. AND SO, IN TRUTH, GOD'S GREATEST WORK IS DONE IN SILENCE, BUT REMEMBER THAT SILENCE WEARS MANY GARMENTS.

IN CONCLUDING THIS SEMESTER, WE ONCE AGAIN VIEW THE MANY AREAS OF YOUR INTERESTS. WE VIEW YOUR STRUGGLE WITH COMPASSION. BUT WE KNOW THAT FOR YOU IT IS NECESSARY. WE ALSO KNOW THAT IT IS NOT ETERNAL, AND WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE FREEING YOURSELF FROM YOURSELF. THOUGH YOUR MINDS OFFTIMES CONVINCE YOU THAT YOU HAVE LOST MUCH AND HAVE GAINED LITTLE OR NOTHING, I ASSURE YOU IT IS THE LIMITED VIEW OF YOUR MIND. AND THE MIND'S VIEW IS LIMITED BY ITS OWN EXPERIENCES OF YESTERYEAR.

YOU ARE MOVING AHEAD, FOR YOU ARE MOVING ON AN UPWARD PATH. AND MANY EXPERIENCES YOU HAVE ALREADY HAD, AND MANY MORE SHALL YOU ENCOUNTER. ACCEPT THEM ALL, AND BE FREE. WHEN THEY TEAR AT THE VERY FOUNDATION OF YOUR EMOTIONS, REMEMBER, IT IS NECESSARY FOR YOU THAT YOU MAY HAVE A BETTER LIFE, A BRIGHTER DAY, A GREATER WAY. FOR IT IS THE PAYMENT, MY GOOD STUDENTS, OF ATTAINMENT. IT IS INDEED SERVING ITS PURPOSE. AND YOU IN TRUTH ARE BENEFITING, NOT IN THE WAYS PERHAPS THAT YOUR MINDS INSIST UPON DICTATING. BUT REMEMBER, YOUR MIND BROUGHT YOU (continued page 36)

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HERE, IT BROUGHT YOU WHERE YOU ARE, AND IT HAS
ALREADY MADE MANY SO-CALLED CONCESSIONS. BUT
YOU ARE BETTER, REGARDLESS WHAT YOU THINK OR
THINK NOT, FOR YOU KNOW A BETTER WAY, AND IT IS
WITHIN YOUR POWER TO APPLY IT. AND YOU MUST NOT
PERMIT YOURSELVES TO BE DISCOURAGED FOR YOU ARE
APPLYING IT IN YOUR WAY ON YOUR DAY. PERHAPS
YOU ARE NOT APPLYING AS MUCH AS YOU WOULD LIKE
TO APPLY, BUT THE GROWTH IS SLOW, BUT IT IS
SURE.

SOME OF YOU WILL RETURN FOR THE CONTINUING OF THESE CLASSES, AND SOME OF YOU WILL GO. I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONCERNED WITH NUMBERS, FOR I KNOW THAT THOSE WHO COME, THE INTELLIGENT DIVINE LIGHT KNOWN AS GOD, HAS BROUGHT THEM, AND I KNOW THEY WILL BE WITH US AS LONG AS IT IS IN THE DIVINE PLAN. I AM NOT SAD OVER THE COMING, NOR AM I SAD OVER THE GOING. THAT IS MY EARNEST PRAYER, THAT YOU TOO MAY HAVE THAT WONDERFUL FREEDOM AND BE NOT SADDENED OVER THE COMING AND GOING, FOR ALL THINGS THAT COME MUST GO.

SOMEDAY I TOO SHALL GO FROM THESE EARTHLY CLASSES. I KNOW THAT. I AM NOT SADDENED, NOR SHOULD YOU BE SADDENED. FOR WHEN OUR DUTY IS DONE WE MUST MOVE ON AND ON AND ON. I WILL MEET WITH YOU AGAIN MANY TIMES IN YOUR EARTHLY LIFE AND SOME OF YOU WILL CONTINUE ON WITH THIS SCHOOL IN OUR WORLD WHEN YOU COME OVER. IT IS INDEED INTERESTING TO MANY, I AM SURE, THAT THE MIND LOOKS AND WONDERS, WHEN WILL IT END? WELL, WHEN WILL WE GRADUATE? MY STUDENTS, EACH DAY IS GRADUATION, EACH DAY IS BIRTH, EACH DAY IS DEATH. TRUTH HAVING NO BEGINNING, HAS NO ENDING. AND THE LIGHT, THE VERY NATURE OF THE LIGHT, IS EXPRESSION.

AND SO, OUR SCHOOL IS LIKE A CIRCLE, WITHOUT BEGINNING AND WITHOUT ENDING. WE MOVE ON, AND ON, AND ON, AND ON. AND IF YOU FEEL YOU NEED A REST, THEN ASK YOURSELF THE 36

HONEST QUESTION, "O GOD, WITH WHAT AM I BORED?" FOR THOSE WHO SEEK TO REST BY THE WELL HAVE PERMITTED THEMSELVES TO BE BORED. REAWAKEN YOUR ENTHUSIASM, FOR LIFE HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER. AND WHY DO WE GET BORED WITH LIFE AND WE SAY THAT WE NEED TO REST? MY GOOD STUDENTS, REPETITION IS THE LAW THROUGH WHICH CHANGE IS MADE POSSIBLE. AND WHEN WE TENACIOUSLY HOLD TO THINGS AND REFUSE TO CHANGE. THE REPETITION WHICH IS THE INDISPENSIBLE INGREDIENT TO BRING ABOUT THE CHANGE, MEETS THE WALL OF BOREDOM, WHEN WE ARE CLOSE TO VICTORY, WE OFTTIMES BECOME BORED, DISTRACTED ON THE PATH OF SUCCESS. VICTORY AND SUCCESS IS FOR THE COURAGEOUS OF HEART. IT IS NOT FOR THE WEAK ONES. SO YOU MUST BE STRONG-WILLED TO BE COURAGEOUS. THE WILL OF THE DIVINE -- THAT IS THE PATH OF LIGHT. LOOK AROUND AND ABOUT YOUR WORLD. IS THERE ANY DENIAL OF THE DIVINE? ALL FORMS RECEIVE THE ENERGY IN KEEPING WITH THEIR RECEPTIVITY. EVERYONE RECEIVES THE GOODNESS THAT THEY WILL PERMIT THEMSELVES TO RECEIVE. I ASSURE YOU, MY STUDENTS, THE ONLY THING THAT STANDS BETWEEN YOU AND THE ABUNDANT GREATNESS AND GOODNESS OF LIFE, IS THE DICTATES OF THE HUMAN MIND.

ACCEPT, MY STUDENTS, ACCEPT THIS ABUNDANCE THAT IS YOUR TRUE BEING. ACCEPT YOUR TRUE BEING. STOP THE ACTIVITY OF THE MIND FOR A MOMENT AND IN THAT MOMENT FEEL THE GREATNESS OF LIFE. YOU ARE AS GREAT AS YOU WILL PERMIT YOURSELVES TO BE. YOU ARE AS HEALTHY AND WEALTHY AS YOU ALONE WILL ALLOW.

STOP, MY STUDENTS, DENYING YOUR ABUNDANT GOOD. EACH TIME YOU GIVE POWER TO MAN YOU DENY YOUR DIVINITY. EACH TIME YOU GIVE POWER TO CREATION, YOU BUILD THE WALLS OF OBSTRUCTION AND MUST SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES. I URGE YOU EARNESTLY AND FROM THE DEPTHS OF MY SOUL, TO ACCEPT THE ABUNDANT GOODNESS OF LIFE. IT IS WAITING FOR YOU. IT IS WITH YOU THIS MOMENT, (continued page 38)

continued from page 37 MY FRIENDS. IT IS NOT SOMETHING YOU MUST CHASE THROUGHOUT ALL CREATION TO FIND. LET YOUR EARS LISTEN. ENJOY THE GOODNESS YOUR LIFE HAS TO OFFER. FOR I KNOW IF YOU WILL TRULY MAKE THAT EFFORT WHILE YET IN EARTHLY FLESH, YOU WILL BE FREED FROM SO MANY DIMENSIONS AFTER YOU LEAVE YOUR EARTHLY BODIES. THE DICTATES OF THE MIND ARE STRONG AND POTENT FORCES OF CREATION, BUT YOU NEED NOT FOREVER BE THEIR VICTIMS. WHENEVER YOU FEEL IN NEED, AND WANT, AND DESIRE, JUST ACCEPT THE FULLNESS THEREOF. ACCEPT IT, MY STUDENTS, FOR THEN YOU WILL EXPERIENCE THE WILL OF GOD. GOODNIGHT. (This class, given on November 17, 1977, available on recorded cassette tape.)



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## Benediction

O GOD, MAY CAPTAINS WE BE SERVING THEE SELFLESSLY.

### SPIRITUAL HEALING

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SHOULD WE FILL OUR MINDS WITH SO MANY THINGS THAT OUR BODIES SUFFER?

THE LIVING LIGHT PHILOSOPHY EXPLAINS THAT WE CAN BECOME AWARE OF OUR THOUGHTS AND IF WE SHOULD BECOME DISTRACTED BY A THING, TO RELEASE THE THOUGHT AND AFFIRM OUR BIRTHRIGHT TO PERFECT HEALTH, WEALTH, AND HAPPINESS. FOR WE ARE A CHANNEL AND TO HAVE GOODNESS IN OUR LIVES, WE MUST LET GOODNESS FLOW THROUGH OUR THOUGHTS.



SILENCE IS GOD'S REVELATION OF TRUTH.

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THE FREEDOM OF STRENGTH IS THE DIRECTION OF WILL.

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KNOWLEDGE KNOWS MUCH, BUT WISDOM KNOWS BETTER.

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A STRANGER TO THE WORLD IS A FRIEND TO GOD.

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DREAMER, DREAM A LIFE OF BEAUTY BEFORE YOUR DREAM STARTS DREAMING YOU.

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NOW, GOD TO MOST OF US, I'M SURE WOULD AGREE, MEANS GOOD. WHEN WE FEEL GOOD WE THINK OF GOD EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT THINK OF GOD CONSCIOUSLY. BUT WHEN WE THINK OF GOD WE THINK OF GOOD. WHEN WE THINK OF GOD WE DON'T THINK OF BAD, IF WE DO, THEN WE HAVE A KINK IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS, OR PERHAPS A MISSING LINK -- WHO KNOWS, WE'D HAVE TO INVESTIGATE, OF COURSE.

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, LIKE ANY OTHER DISTURBANCE IN A WORLD OF CREATION, IS AN EFFECT. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THAT EFFECT IS IN KEEPING WITH OUR OWN EXPERIENCES OF OUR OWN PAST. WE LOOK AROUND THE WORLD AND WE SEE -- IT IS SO UNJUST THAT MAN KILLS MAN, THAT DOG EATS DOG, IT IS SO UNJUST, IT IS SO UNJUST THAT PEOPLE WALK AND CRUSH THE SNAILS LIKE RICE KRISPIES -- IT IS SO UNJUST. WELL, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? DOES THE PLANT FEEL THAT IT IS UNJUST FOR SOMEONE TO WALK BY AND STEP ON A SNAIL THAT IS EATING IT UP? I DON'T THINK THE PLANT FEELS THAT THAT IS INJUSTICE. I THINK THAT THE PLANT, WHICH IS A CONSCIOUSNESS BEING EXPRESSED IN LIMITED FORM, I THINK THE PLANT FEELS AFEELING OF RELIEF, PERHAPS EVEN GRATITUDE, PERHAPS EVEN THE THOUGHT OF DIVINE JUSTICE, THAT SOME GIANT CAME ALONG AND STEPPED ON A SNAIL THAT WAS HAVING IT FOR A LUNCH.

SO, LET US UNDERSTAND PERHAPS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE HUMAN JUNGLE OF WHICH WE, OF COURSE, ARE ONE OF THE ANIMAL SPECIES. I DON'T THINK ANY OF US WOULD DENY THAT. OFTTIMES I DON'T THINK WE LIKE TO ADMIT IT, BUT THE DEMONSTRATION IS THE REVELATION. DO WE EXPRESS THE ANIMAL TRAITS THAT WE VIEW OR DON'T WE? THAT IS THE QUESTION. I THINK WE ALL AGREE WE EAT, SO-CALLED, WE JUSTIFY IT FOR THE PURPOSE OF LIVING. WE JUSTIFY THAT WE EAT UP THE LIVING PLANTS, WE JUSTIFY THAT WE EAT UP THE ANIMALS, AND WE EAT UP EVERYTHING ELSE -- AND 40

WE EAT UP PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS AND THOUGHTS, AND GO ON DOWN THE LIST. SO WHEN WE SPEAK OF INJUSTICE, LET US STOP AND LET US THINK, IS THERE INJUSTICE WITHIN MY CONSCIOUSNESS? DO I FEEL ANY MOMENT OF GUILT? DO I FEEL ANY MOMENT OF REGRET FOR WHAT I HAVE DONE? IF WE DO, THEN WE MUST BE HONEST AND PAUSE, AND WE MUST THINK. NOW WE CAN JUSTIFY THAT WE DID IT FOR SURVIVAL -- WE DID IT BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE DID THIS, AND SOMEONE ELSE DID THAT, BUT THIS IS WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IN OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. SO WE CAN LOOK AT THE ARGENTINE SIDE AND WE CAN SEE HOW THEY THINK, WE CAN LOOK AT THE ENGLISH SIDE, AND WE CAN SEE HOW THEY THINK. AND WE CAN ALL OVER THE WORLD AND SEE HOW THEY THINK -- WHO IS THE AGGRESSOR, WHO IS THE OPPRESSOR?

WE ARE CONSTANTLY, AS LONG AS WE INSIST ON LIVING IN A WORLD OF CREATION AND BECOMING A WORLD OF CREATION -- OUR PURPOSE IN EVOLUTION IS TO BE IN A WORLD, NEVER A PART OF THE WORLD. OUR PURPOSE IN EVOLUTION IS TO BE WITH A PERSON, PLACE, OR THING -- NEVER A PART OF A PERSON, PLACE, OR THING. THE SEPARATION OF TRUTH FROM CREATION IS KNOWN AS FREEDOM.

SO, LET US PAUSE AND NOT BE CONTROLLED BY BEING DISTURBED BY THINGS THAT WE HAVE NOT YET MADE THE EFFORT IN OUR UNDERSTANDING TO REALIZE THE CAUSES THEREOF. WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THAT WHICH IS OUT THERE? WE CAN DO EVERYTHING BY THAT WHICH IS OUT THERE, WHETHER IT IS THE FALKLAND ISLANDS OR ANYTHING ELSE, BY DOING EVERYTHING ABOUT WHAT'S IN HERE. FOR IF WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT IS IN HERE, THAT WHICH IS AROUND US WILL START TO CHANGE IN KEEPING WITH THE CHANGES THAT WE ALONE ARE MAKING.

NOW WE CAN SAY WE ARE ONLY ONE. I TELL YOU, THE FLIGHT OF THE BUTTERFLY AFFECTS THE ENTIRE ATMOSPHERE OF THE PLANET EARTH. THAT IS A PROVEN, SCIENTIFIC, DEMONSTRABLE FACT. NOW, IF THE FLIGHT OF THE BUTTERFLY AFFECTS, THOUGH (continued page 42)

continued from page 41 MICROSCOPIC OF COURSE, AFFECTS THE ATMOSPHERE OF THIS ENTIRE PLANET, WHAT DO WE THINK ONE THOUGHT OF ONE HUMAN MIND DOES IN THE UNIVERSE? MANY OF THE ANCIENT INDIAN TRIBES OF NORTH AMERICAN, NOT ALL BUT MANY, REALIZED THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY THAT MAN HAS TO HIS SURROUNDINGS, TO HIS ENVIRONMENT, TO NATURE, TO EVERYTHING THAT HIS THOUGHT COMES IN CONTACT WITH. WELL, THINK ABOUT THAT, MY FRIENDS --THERE IS NO SPACE, NOR TIME, NOR DISTANCE TO A THOUGHT YOU ENTERTAIN IN CONSCIOUSNESS. IT DOESN'T TAKE TWO YEARS TO REACH SATURN, IT DOESN'T EVEN TAKE TWO SECONDS. STOP AND THINK OF THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE NOT ONLY TO THE PLANET EARTH AND ALL THAT IS UPON IT, TO THE ATMOSPHERE THAT SURROUNDS IT, TO THE UNIVERSES, TO THE PLANETS IN OUTER SPACE, WE HAVE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. AND BECAUSE THERE ARE INTELLIGENCES FAR ADVANCED BEYOND OURSELF. THAT ARE WELL AWARE AND AFFECTED BY THE THOUGHTS MEN THINK -- WE HAVE BEEN WATCHED FOR CENTURIES, AND FOR CENTURIES SHALL WE CONTINUE TO BE WATCHED. AS WE WATCH THE LITTLE PETS WE PUT IN OUR CAGES, AND WE JUDGE WHAT THEY DO, AND WE FIND IT INTERESTING TO SEE HOW THEY ACT, LET US NOT FORGET, WE ARE IN A CAGE OURSELF. THE CAGE OF OUR OWN CONSCIOUSNESS. WE ARE NEVER ALONE, WE ARE WATCHED AND MONITORED RIGHT AROUND THE CLOCK, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT. THEN LET'S BECOME AWARE AND BECOME HONEST WITH OURSELF, AND LET'S START CLEANING UP, AS THEY SAY IN TODAY'S LANGUAGE, OUR OWN ACT, AND WE WILL BE SO MUCH BETTER FOR IT. THANK YOU.

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PLASTIC SURGERY A HUNDRED TIMES A DAY.

IS IT NOT FUTILE TO HOLD TO "SECURITY" -- A HOUSE, A CITY, A PLACE, AN EVENT IN TIME? PLACES, LIKE MOMENTS, ARE NEVER ISOLATED FROM THE ONES PRECEDING OR FOLLOWING. EACH MOMENT IS A CHILD OF ANOTHER. SOME ELEMENTS FROM THE LAST HOUSE YOU CARRY WITH YOU INTO YOUR NEW SELF-IMAGE DWELLING. WHY BE SEARCHING FOR A WAY OF GOING BACK? SOME OF IT CAME ALONG RIGHT WITH YOU.

I THOUGHT I'D LEFT A PART OF ME IN THE LAST HOME FROM WHICH I'D MOVED. IT SEEMED MY PETS WERE A LITTLE HOMESICK, TOO. I RECEIVED MY ANSWER ONE EVENING WHILE WALKING THE DOGS. WE PASSED BY THE FRONT DOOR OF THE OLD PLACE, AND I WAITED FOR A SIGN OF RECOGNITION. THEY SNIFFED, WAGGED THEIR TAILS, THEN PULLED ME ALONG TO ANOTHER ATTRACTION.



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